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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

**TREASURER, ASSESSORS
AND OTHER OFFICERS**

-OF-

The Town of Blaine



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 21, 1938

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

S. A. TAPLEY

ALMON C. BELL

L. C. COREY

Town Clerk

RUBY TAPLEY

Town Treasurer

TRUMAN TAPLEY

Superintending School Committee

MALCOLM BARREY

PERLEY SLOAT

J. A. CRAIG

Superintendent of Schools

JOSEPH A. LEONARD

Tax Collector

I. A. BOOBAR

Constables

C. M. GILMAN

I. A. BOOBAR

Road Commissioner

C. M. GILMAN

Health Officer

S. W. COLLINS

Auditor

FRED A. SHEAN

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK and POULTRY

	No.	Value
Horses	211	\$16,400.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	5	250.00
Colts, under 2 years old	4	100.00
Cows	227	6,810.00
Cows, 3 years old	28	700.00
Cows, 2 years old	40	800.00
Swine, over 10	47	166.00
Poultry, over 50 in number	302	151.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
Cows ,one year old	92	\$920.00
Sheep, to 35 in number	63	315.00
Swine, to 10 in number	221	1,375.00
Poultry, to 50 in number	2442	1,221.00

**REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

Support of Poor	\$2,500.00
Mother's aid and dependent children	500.00
Repairs of bridges, highways and sidewalks	1,250.00
Interest on town debts and orders	1,500.00
Commission and abatements	2,000.00
One year's interest on school fund	18.00
Tuition high school scholars	3,300.00
Lighting streets	500.00
Superintendent salary	350.00
Incidental and town charges	1,500.00

State aid road	1,066.00
State and State aid highways	350.00
Third class roads	281.07
Use of hydrant	65.00
Fire protection	400.00
American Legion	50.00
Prevention of T. B.	25.00
Support of schools	5,200.00
School house repairs, supplies and insurance	300.00
School books	300.00
School supplies	225.00
State tax	3,622.72
County tax	843.85
Overlay	207.00
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	\$26,353.64

VALUATION OF 1937

Real Estate, resident	\$305,895.00	
Real Estate, non-resident	109,555.00	
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Total		\$415,450.00
Personal Estate, resident	\$36,075.00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	3,540.00	
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Total		\$39,615.00
Total value of Real Estate	\$415,450.00	
Total value of Personal Estate	39,615.00	
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Total		\$455,065.00

Tax on Real Estate	\$23,265.20	
Tax on Personal Estate	2,218.44	
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Total		\$25,483.64

Number of Polls taxed	290
Number of Polls not taxed	12
Tax rate .056 on \$1.00	

TOWN PAUPERS**Thomas McPherson:**

R. J. Kincaid	\$ 6.00
Austin Sherwood	34.00

\$40.00

John Cole:

Edith Smith, board	\$5.00
R. J. Kincaid	5.00
E. E. Barker, digging grave	8.00

\$18.00

Edward Cousins:

Edith Smith, board of	
Basil Cousins,	\$22.00
L. W. Steen	38.24

\$60.24

Asa Brawn:

John Watterson, repair on roof \$ 2.00

Edgar Tapley, wood	30.00
A. C. Bell, wood	16.00
H. L. Curtis, repair on home	5.25
Mars Hill & Blaine Water Co.	32.00
David Monteith, potatoes	4.20
Lincoln Reese, wood	10.00

\$99.45

Annie Brown:

Clyde Benson, wood	\$32.78
York & Fenderson, rent	70.00
L. W. Steen	8.00
Chas. Chase, moving	6.00

\$116.78

Earl Bell:

H. Adelman, supplies	\$22.01
Edgar Tapley, wood	9.00
L. W. Steen	28.60

\$59.61

Ralph Stickney:

J. W. Axtell	\$29.00
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\$29.00

George Sherwood:

B. L. Tapley, trip to Kingman	\$10.00
A. C. Bell, trip to Kingman	5.00

\$15.00

Frances Sherwood:

L. W. Steen	\$12.33
Albert Rideout, board	56.00
Albert Rideout, supplies	8.85

\$77.18

John Joslyn:

L. W. Steen	\$21.10
W. L. Bradstreet, lot	5.00
W. L. Bradstreet, digging grave	5.00
D. G. Bell	70.00

\$92.27

Omar Beem:

L. W. Steen	\$21.00
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\$21.10

Perley Cousins:

A. C. Bell, wood	\$16.00
A. C. Bell, potatoes	5.50
J. W. Axtell	23.70
Bert Stickney, moving	7.00
Guy Weeks, hauling wood	4.00

\$56.20

Charles Fogg:

A. C. Bell, wood	\$21.00
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\$21.00

Noel Gabriel:

V. P. Bell, supplies \$12.00

\$12.00

Donald Kinney:

L. W. Steen \$255.00

Lincoln Reese, wood 9.00

\$264.00

Manson Perkins:

W. B. Somerville \$21.00

\$21.00

Ray Stickney:

L. W. Steen \$3.45

\$3.45

Percy Tompkins:

L. W. Steen \$137.41

D. G. Bell, rent 40.00

Myron Beals, moving 4.00

W. B. Somerville 9.00

A. C. Bell, supplies 31.70

\$222.11

Alphonse Viel:

L. W. Steen \$66.21

V. P. Bell 23.98

Fred Hussey, rent 96.00

W. B. Somerville	9.00	
		\$195.19
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Furnished World War veterans and dependents for relief		\$633.05
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STATE PAUPERS		
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John Sock:		
L. W. Steen	\$6.37	
		\$6.37
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Hayward Durost:		
Guy Weeks, hauling wood	\$1.75	
		\$1.75
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Chesley Crouse:		
R. J. Kincaid	\$6.00	
		\$6.00
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Webster Corey:		
Mars Hill Hospital	\$287.50	
D. G. Bell	120.00	
		\$407.50
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Ralph Briggs:		
Guy Weeks, hauling wood	\$2.00	
		\$2.00

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$5,200.00	
Unexpended, March, 1937	617.28	
State School Fund	1,626.00	
State Equalization Fund	719.00	
Interest on School Fund	18.00	
Insurance Rebates	15.34	
		\$8,195.62

Expended:

Teachers' Salaries	\$3,187.28	
Janitor Service and Cleaning	418.14	
Conveyance	1,688.54	
Fuel	231.00	
		\$6,270.53

Unexpended Balance Forward		\$1,925.09
Unpaid,		
Common School Account	\$1,226.47	
Actual Balance If Paid	\$ 698.62	

Teachers' Salaries Paid:

Perley Blaisdell	\$ 169.26
Irving Ingerson	275.40
Helen Pryor	235.00
Vivian Fenderson	245.25
Kate Belyea	601.91
Vella Blaisdell	215.00
Laura Baisdell	213.75

Kendall Adams	494.13
Elizabeth Gallupe	238.68
Nadine Brown	210.00
Helen Stratton	150.95
Pauline Weeks	20.00
Beulah Gillen	23.75
Me. Teachers' Retirement Ass'n	78.20
Maine Teachers' Ass'n	9.00
Aroostook Co. Teachers' Ass'n	7.00

\$3,187.28

Janitors and Cleaning Paid:

Almon Tompkins	\$ 314.00
Georgie Tapley	44.76
Clara Savage	16.50
Mae Bell	14.00
Eva Dearborn	8.50
Theodore Hawksley	2.00
York and Fenderson	5.80
L. W. Steen	12.58

\$ 418.14

Conveyance Paid:

Asa Kinney	\$ 268.59
Warren Corey	24.00
Guy Hawksley	343.00
W. B. Brown	140.40
Bruce Bubar	39.55
Lincoln Reese	489.00
Arthur Terrell	275.00
George S. Gentle Co.	73.00

\$1,688.54

Fuel Paid:

P. T. Blanchard	\$ 36.00
Boy Scouts	7.50
A. H. Gilman	187.50

\$ 231.00

TEXT BOOKS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Unexpended, March, 1937	678.26
Dr. A. J. Fulton	25.00

\$1,003.26

Expended:

Ginn & Company	\$ 430.17
John C. Winston	34.40
Scott, Forseman & Company	10.13
Kendall Adams	1.25

\$ 475.95

Unexpended Balance Forward

\$ 537.22

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 225.00
Unexpended, March, 1937	524.97
State Equalization	200.00

\$ 949.97

Expended:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 11.85
News Letter Printery	22.03
J. L. Hammett Company	227.20
J. A. Leonard	12.48

York & Fenderson	80.67	
		\$ 354.23
Unexpended Balance Forward		\$ 595.74

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Appropriation	\$3,300.00	
Unexpended, March, 1937	1,268.00	
State Aid	700.00	
		\$5,268.00
Expended:		
Aroostook Central Institute		3,175.00
Unexpended Balance Forward		\$2,093.00

SCHOOL REPAIRS, APPLIANCES AND INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$ 300.00	
Unexpended, March, 1937	126.00	
		\$ 426.00

Expended:

Mars Hill Electric Company	\$ 30.15
Maine Public Service Company	17.06
No. Me. Pat. Mut. Fire Insurance Co.	19.44
Aroostook Co. Pat Mut. Fire Insurance Co.	28.80
W. F. Wilson	95.50
Charles Shields	27.00
T. E. Beals	44.00
Almon Tompkins	62.75

Myron Beals	1.00
J. N. Lawence	15.36
York & Fenderson	3.67
George S. Gentle	15.34

\$ 360.07

Unexpended Balance Forward	\$ 65.93
Repairs Accounts Payable:	\$ 127.69

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
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Expended:

J. A. Leonard	\$ 271.25
Overdrawn, March, 1937	145.65

\$ 416.90

Overdrawn, March, 1938	\$ 66.90
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INCIDENTAL AND OTHER TOWN CHARGES

S. A. Tapley, chairman of board	\$400.00
Almon C. Bell, second selectman	85.00
L. C. Corey, third selectman	85.00
T. T. Tapley, treasurer	135.00
Ruby Tapley, town clerk	35.00
W. L. Murray, auditing and supplies	73.50
Evelyn Reese, supplies	6.70
C. W. Huntington, lumber. W. P. A.	212.30
Nedra Robinson, clerical work	11.00
News Letter Printery, printing town books	100.00
W. S. Brown, expense of tax liens	696.80

Malcolm Barrey, school census	17.00
John Joslyn	5.00
J. F. Wilson, services as moderator	6.00
A. C. Bell, gas - team hire	4.00
Perley Sloat, auto hire	3.00
F. D. Cronkite, cemetery work	8.00
Haines & Gilbey, dam project, W. P. A.	24.60
Leroy Ketchum, witness fee	6.00
Lydia Hersom, ballot clerk	9.00
W. P. Wilson, collectors bond	12.50
Houlton Foundry, dam project, W. F. A.	15.60
New England Metal Co., school signs	19.36
Nat'l used car market report	7.00
S. A. Tapley, express	7.07
News Letter Printery, supplies	5.25
C. A. Nutter, bond	17.50
Coles Express, express	2.39
S. A. Tapley, auto hire	25.00
Register of Deeds, recording	15.00
Ruby Tapley, recording	2.00
B. & A. R. R., Freight	1.20
Henry Rideout, labor on dam	3.56
Almon H. Fogg, Iron for dam	13.50
York & Fenderson, supplies	43.03
H. W. Gilman, News Letter Printery	7.50
Ivan Boobar, collecting dog tax, constable	30.00
F. A. Peabody, town hall insurance	35.00
T. T. Tapley, stationery	11.82
B. H. Sanborn, service as notary public	25.00
S. W. Collins, health officer	65.75
S. W. Collins, truant officer	9.00
S. W. Collins, ballot clerk	3.00
F. B. Hussey, services as attendance officer	14.00
Lawrence Weeks, auto hire	3.00

Albert Rideout, team hire	1.50
Guy Weeks, auto hire	2.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	21.70
Ruby Tapley, express	2.00
Ruby Tapley, recording births, deaths, marriages	16.75
F. V. Tapley, supplies	4.35
Marks Printing Co., supplies	9.35
S. A. Tapley, postage, telephone and expense to Assessors Convention	26.95
Total	\$2,401.53

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Resources

Cash on hand, Mar. 1, 1937	\$ 107.12
Rec'd on 1930 tax, I.A. Boobar, Coll.	545.07
“ “ 1931 “ I. A. Boobar, “	672.41
“ “ 1932 “ I. A. Boobar “	1,860.14
“ “ 1934 “ C. M. Gilman “	435.73
“ “ 1935 “ C. M. Gilman “	2,551.48
“ “ 1936 “ C. M. Gilman “	2,560.21
“ “ 1937 “ I. A. Boobar “	13,307.80
“ “ 1937 “ Excise “	1,143.48
“ From Treas. of State, 50-50 Rd.,	50.00
“ “ Treas. of State, Misc. Resolve,	655.34
“ “ Presque Isle National Bank Dividend	.74
“ “ J. A. Leonard Text Book account	40.34
“ “ Treas. of State 1937 School Fund	306.00
“ “ Ruby V. Tapley	

1937 Dog Tax	86.00
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Total receipts	\$24,321.86
Paid on Warrants	24,152.56
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Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1938	\$ 169.30
T. T. TAPLEY, Treasurer	
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT**Assets**

Treasurer's cash		\$ 169.30
Tax deeds		2,189.27
Sheriff deeds		941.61
Property acquired through non-		
payment of taxes		1,311.50
Cash in closed banks		4.42
T. E. Beals, Collector	1926	3,402.81
C. M. Gilman, "	1927	392.06
C. M. Gilman, "	1928	1,223.15
I. A. Boobar, "	1931	143.82
I. A. Boobar, "	1932	642.30
C. M. Gilman, "	1933	46.34
C. M. Gilman, "	1934	134.30
C. M. Gilman, "	1935	780.09
C. M. Gilman, "	1936	5,009.48
I. A. Boobar, "	1937	11,676.74
Town Property		22,664.49
Due from town of Patten		5.00
Liabilities over assets		15,202.13

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	\$ 9,425.96
County tax	5,207.77
State tax	8,336.02
Town orders outstanding	30,430.17
Due A. C. I. tuition	2,093.00
“ Mars Hill Fire Department	800.00
“ Hydrant	65.93
“ Street lights	314.32
“ A. C. I. old tuition	7,745.18
“ Department of health and welfare	1,520.46
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	\$65,938.81

Note:

Abatement of taxes for 1930	\$ 803.75
“ “ “ “ 1931	917.25
“ “ “ “ 1932	547.69
“ “ “ “ 1937	126.28
Cash in hands of I. A. Boobar, Coll.	1,242.82
Tax liens year 1935	2,989.12

**REPORT of BOARD of TRUSTEES
AROOSTOOK CENTRAL INSTITUTE
Income and Expense**

Income:

Tuition, Towns	\$12,522.00
Tuition, State of Maine	2,874.80

\$15,396.80

Expense:

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 9,721.97
Janitor's Salary	841.98
Fuel	1,258.60
Repairs	1,840.87

Insurance	435.36	
Miscellaneous Expense	16.59	
Text Books	361.80	
Supplies	395.00	
Library	110.47	
Superintendent's Salary	150.00	
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		\$15,132.64
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Income in Excess of Expense		\$ 264.16

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FENDERSON

Acting Treasurer

UNCOLLECTED TAXES For Year 1937

Resident:

Axworthy, Joe	\$ 25.40
Beals, Leo and Nellie	16.80
Bubar, Coburn	28.00
Beem, Darrell	3.00
Beem, Ella	15.40
Beem, Byrd	14.00

Beem, Lewis	414.12
Brewer, Phinehas	16.80
Brown, Fred C.	30.36
Beals, Leo	312.40
Barrey, Malcolm	83.64
Barrey, N. I. (Heirs of)	145.60
Barrett, George	81.76
Bubar, Vaughn	200.62
Bubar, Fannie	179.20
Bubar, Bruce	10.48
Barrett, Harry	512.12
Bradstreet, W. L.	246.36
Bubar, Emma	32.20
Bubar, Clyde	3.00
Bell, Almon and Helen	180.02
Blanchard, Marion	92.40
Beals, Cecil	38.84

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Brown, Wilbur	3.00
Burlock, Angeline	11.20
Curtis, Harry	1.67
Corey, Mabel	126.84
Crabbe, George	133.76
Cousins, Lucy	11.20
Cronkhite, Afton	3.00
Carmichael, Adelbert	14.84
Case, Nettie	11.20
DeLong, Roy	7.00
Dearborn, Henry	4.68
Dority, Harley and Bessie	298.48
Dority, Harley	3.00
Estabrook, Frank	39.20
Fulton, Aaron J.	184.60
Fulton, E. M.	3.84

Griffin, Fred	303.16
Gilman, A. H.	277.30
Green, Hannah	117.60
Green, Ashel	35.00
Green, Hiram	16.44
Green, Robert (Heirs of)	224.00
Gillen, Joseph Jr.	19.04
Gillen, Lizzie	95.20
Grant, D. G.	259.24
Gilman, Edward	23.16
Green, Donald	4.20
Giberson, Fred	3.00
Green, Clifford	1.50
Hawksley, Carrie	111.72
Holmes, Walter	8.00
Hersom, L. W. and A. S.	199.92
Hersom, W. J. (Heirs of)	67.20

Hussey, S. B.	246.40
Hussey, Fred	127.48
Hallowell, Charles	14.00
Hardsgrove, Benjamin	18.20
Hoyt, Elvin	4.52
Hardsgrove, Murry	3.00
Hartley, Joe	17.04
Harmon, Sherman	5.60
Hoyt, Ray	107.44
Joslyn, Birdsell	8.60
Jamison, Isa	54.40
Jamison, Lee	28.84
Kinney, Cecil84
Kinney, Rose	72.00
Kinney, Don B.	14.20
Kennedy, Annie	78.40

Kennedy, Andrew	7.84
Kinney, Dannie	14.00
Libby, Thomas	187.72
Libby, Amos	158.48
Langley, Edwin	18.12
Lyons, Allie	13.08
Lyons, Merriam	3.00
Lunn, Weldon	11.20
Monteith, Cora	21.20
Munson, Fern	19.20
Martin, Lawrence	45.36
Noble, Harry	359.64
Noble, David	11.76
Noddin, Wilton	9.16
Perkins, Charles	3.08

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Pomphrey, Inez	61.60
Rideout, Alma	5.50
Rideout, Albert	27.17
Ricker, Blake	45.00
Ricker, Lucy	144.48
Russell, Carrie	28.00
Rideout, Mary	21.14
Rider, Harry	8.60
Sanborn, B. H.	65.63
Sanborn, Odell	74.68
Shields, Aretta	8.40
Shields, Charles Jr.	7.48
Shaw, Claron	4.12
Sanborn, Vida	364.80
Straight, Stanley56
Syphers, Ira	1.00
Tapley, Howard	49.84

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Tapley, B. L.	261.24
Tapley, W. S.	256.12
Tapley, Dora J.	100.80
Tapley, S. A.	204.40
Terrell, Lawrence and Fern	140.00
Terrell, Lawrence	18.12
Tompkins, Lucy (Heirs of)	33.60
Tompkins, Amanda	39.20
Tompkins, Benjamin	4.40
Tompkins, Ella	52.57
Trafford, John	307.64
Tompkins, L. B.84
Tapley, Hale	17.56
Vandine, Wilmont	3.00
Wilson, Frank	8.96
Walsh, Frances	28.00
Wortman, George	35.76

Wheeler, William 14.76

Total \$9,434.48

Non-resident:

Brown, W. B. 92.80

Bridges, Holland 206.08

Fisher, Charles 39.20

McPherson, Clarence 178.08

Huntington, C. W. 8.40

Shaw and Grass 384.16

Knapp, Martha 107.54

Wortman, Pearl 95.20

Wortman, George and Henry 39.20

Smith, E. M. & Son 86.80

Bubar, Mable 33.60

Cronkhite, Mable 5.60

Snow, Clara 6.56

Baker, Richard (Heirs of) 5.60

Amy Huntington	56.00
Bennett, Arthur	196.00
Beem, Harry	19.50
Brown, W. S.	168.00
Brown, Alice	15.40
Dyer, Eva	5.60
A. P. C. A.	7.28
Larrabee, Francis	18.00
McNeal, William	89.60
McPherson, Ida	35.00
Kilcollins, Thomas	12.60
English, W. S. (Heirs of)	59.67
Thompson, Joe	22.40
Whited, Harry	224.00
Mills, Clem	33.60
Welch, Della	35.40
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Total	\$2,286.97

AROOSTOOK CENTRAL INSTITUTE**To the Board of Trustees of Aroostook Central Institute:**

It is with pleasure that I submit my fourth annual report for Aroostook Central Institute.

The records show that 244 students have registered for the school year of 1937-1938. 142 of these are residents of Mars Hill; 79 are residents of Blaine; 4 are residents of E Plantation; 16 are residents of Westfield; and 3 are residents of Easton.

There are nine full time teachers employed. The students are enrolled by courses as follows:

Class	College	Prep.	Commercial	Agriculture	General
Senior	10		17	11	14
Junior	12		23	7	37
Sophomore	4		28	11	10
Freshman	4		27	15	14
	30		95	44	75

It will be noted that the commercial course has an enrollment of 95 students. Realizing that there are not over fifteen stenographers in the towns represented by students at Aroostook Central Institute, it will be readily seen that the supply will be more than 600 per cent greater than the total employed. It is not my intention in any way to detract from the value of the commercial course. However, I do feel that many of the students are studying the commercial course because they desire the more practical subjects. Along with this discussion our records show that eight years after the admission of a class to the secondary school, from 50 per cent to 70 per cent of the girls are married. This fact would indicate that a home economics course should be the next addition to our course of study.

From the graduating class of 1937, seven students are attending college; one is attending normal school; one is training for a nurse; one is attending a commercial school; and two are attending preparatory school. Two of the college students are working to earn a great part of their expenses through the school. In the college group two of the students are on the honor rolls of their respective institutions. In that group a total of forty-two marks have been issued. Fifteen of these have been honor grades and only two have been below passing. In the case of the two deficient marks each student has the opportunity of making up the work before the close of the school year. The students in the other educational institutions are doing equally creditable work.

The Institution continues to be rated as a Class A secondary school by the State Department of Education. Because of the fine showing of our graduates, we are expecting that the New England College Entrance Certificate Board will grant the school a four-year term upon its approved list.

The Federal Government is continuing its assistance to the needy students through the National Youth Administration. Although each school's allotment has been cut, seven of the students have had an opportunity to benefit from this work. The enrollment by towns is as follows: Blaine, three; Mars Hill, three; Westfield, one.

Through the extensive repairs on the building, the teachers and students find the conditions for work more pleasant and agreeable. It is now possible to use the auditorium throughout the day without taking needed heat from the class rooms.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the assistance given to me and to the teaching

force by the citizens, superintendent, and trustees toward making Aroostook Central Institute keep pace with the educational world.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. PERKINS, Principal

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

To the Board of Trustees of Aroostook Central Institute:

I submit my first report of the department of Agriculture.

The Agricultural course is now on a four year basis. The Freshman year is devoted to Crops and Soils; including the following enterprises: Potatoes, Small grains, Green manures, Forage crops, Gardens, Small Fruits, Soils and Fertilizers.

The Sophomore year —Animal Husbandry— with the following enterprises: Poultry, Dairying, Horses, Sheep, Swine, and Beef cattle.

The Junior year Farm Economics, Farm Engineering, and Farm Machinery. With advanced work on Fertilizers and Potatoes.

The Senior year — Farm Management and Marketing.

The Junior senior classes are grouped together and the courses are given in alternate years. That is Farm Economics and Farm Engineering are given one year to this group and the next year, they have Farm Management and Marketing.

About 10 days of each class time is devoted to Project planning, and analysis of records of previous years's pro-

jects. Projects are an important part of each boy's work in Agriculture. A good project should be owned and operated by the boy, and of a size large enough to furnish the boy with a true experience in managing a farm enterprise. Each project must be carefully planned to include the practices relating to that enterprise that experience has proven to be best. Through the summer it is a part of the instructor's job to help the boys with their problems of care and management of these projects.

Another 10 days of each class time is devoted to such jobs in Farm mechanics as our limited facilities will allow. At the present time we are able to do rope work, some Agricultural drawing and a small amount of construction. This year the boys have constructed a hot bed for the purpose of raising tomato plants. These plants will be sold and the money used for supplies for the Future Farmer Chapter.

To meet the requirements of the State course of study we should have sufficient shop equipment to devote 40 days a year to Farm Mechanics work. Many of the better equipped schools are devoting one full year of the four to this type of work. With the necessary equipment we can teach operative skill in the following Farm Mechanics jobs: Sharpening and repairing tools; Soldering and sheet metal work; Hot and Cold Metal work; Rope work; Harness work; Wood working; Concrete work; Machinery and Tractor repairing; Plumbing and Glazing; Farm Electricity; Drawing and reading blue prints. I hope it will be possible to gradually equip the department to do all of these jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. SPEARIN, Instructor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens
of Blaine:**

I take pleasure in submitting herewith my fifth annual report as superintendent of the Blaine schools.

A review of the customary statistical chart supplementing this report will reveal several changes in the teaching personnel which began service on October 4th. Mr. Perley Blaisdell, principal of the grammar school, resigned to accept employment in Massachusetts and his position has been filled by Mr. Irving Ingerson, a graduate of Castine Normal school who served as Educational Advisor in a C. C. C. camp at Princeton, Maine prior to accepting his present position. Miss Helen Pryor, teacher of grades five and six in the town hall school has been succeeded by Mrs. Vivian Fenderson a former Blaine teacher of several years' successful experience. Miss Helen Stratton of East Millinocket is now teaching the primary grades in Robinson, succeeding Miss Nadine Brown who resigned last fall to accept a position elsewhere. The Flagstaff school now has Mrs. Elizabeth Gallupe as teacher since Mrs. Laura Blaisdell resigned to accept employment in Massachusetts. Total enrollment for the current school year is two hundred and thirty which is an increase of eight pupils over last year's enrollment.

During the past three years there has been a great reduction in the number of candidates available for elementary teaching positions. At the present time there is actually a shortage of good elementary school teachers.

In the town of Blaine where the only available salary for teachers is in the form of Town Orders, which are viciously discounted when it is possible to use them at all, I believe we are very fortunate in having local teachers available. I do not know how it would have been possible to have secured competent teachers for the Blaine schools this year if we had been unable to employ the several local teachers now in service. It may be possible to employ inexperienced teachers from time to time to fill teaching vacancies in the town but it is going to be impossible to retain the services of these teachers as soon as they find out the condition of affairs that leaves them at the close of the school year without enough cash to procure their passage home. When we add to this the fact that most of the text book and school supply concerns have refused further credit it is obvious that the Town Order system has rendered the task of operating public schools in the town a most difficult problem.

Repairs

During the past year the only repair program of any extent was carried on at the Flagstaff school where renovation was badly needed. This school, unpainted for many years, received two coats of outside paint, a new floor, and the woodshed was entirely shingled. In addition to this a book closet was constructed and other minor repairs were made inside the building.

The most urgent physical need in any of the Blaine schools at the present time exists in the Blaine primary school where the heating plants now in use are practically in a state of collapse and are really hazardous. The

installation of a furnace in the basement in place of the two stoves now in use in the classrooms would seem the best solution to this problem. The furnace in the Robinson school is in very unsatisfactory condition and there is need of a system of drainage in the basement, a fact well known to all the citizens of this section of the town. Whenever there is a heavy thaw in the spring or when there are unusually heavy rains the entire basement of the school is inundated, the water frequently rising above the grates in the furnace, thus necessitating the cessation of school for a few days until the water recedes. Aside from the loss of school such wet and damp conditions constitute a health hazard to the children in the school. Although the school rests upon a ledge formation it would seem that drainage could be effected by the use of dynamite if necessary.

School Accounts

All of the several school accounts show favorable balances, principally because many outstanding bills have not been paid. However, if all bills were paid there would be very few overdrafts and not any of large amounts. The Common School Account shows an unexpended balance of nearly \$2,000 which would be reduced to about \$700 if unpaid salaries and outstanding bills were paid to date. In the text book and supply accounts the total balance of about \$1,100 would be entirely eliminated if outstanding bills were paid. More than this, practically all of the text book and supply accounts paid this year as shown in the Town Report were paid by Town Orders which are still held by and are drawing interest for the creditors. In addition to this I am holding Town Orders

in the amount of several hundred dollars which are due the various text book and supply companies and which are regarded as having been paid on the town books since the Orders were drawn. Blaine actually owes now nearly \$4,000 for text book and supply bills, contracted over a period of several years. In the high school tuition account the unexpended balance would be reduced by about \$2,000 if tuition due Aroostook Central Institute were paid to date. The school repairs account would be overdrawn about \$60.00 if all bills were paid, principally because of the amount of work done on the Flagstaff school last summer.

In closing I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the teachers, school and town officials, and all citizens who by their kindly and co-operative attitude have rendered my five years as superintendent of schools in the town of Blaine most pleasurable.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. LEONARD

Supt. of Schools



STATISTICAL CHART — FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1937-38

School	Teacher	Grade or Subject	Terms Experience	Weekly Salary	Enrollment
Town Hall School	Irving Ingerson	Grades 7-8	2	\$18.00	24
Town Hall School	Vivian Fenderson	Grades 5-6	26	17.00	46
Primary Building	Vella Blaisdell	Grades 3-4	17	16.00	21
Primary Building	Kate Belyea	Grades 1-2	68	17.00	42
Robinson Grammar	Kendall Adams	Grades 5-8	5	20.00	40
Robinson Primary	Helen Stratton	Grades 1-4	2	16.00	30
Flagstaff	Elizabeth Gallupe	Grades 1-8	24	15.00	27

VITAL STATISTICS**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

March 1, 1938

To the municipal officers of the Town of Blaine:

The following returns of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the municipal year ending March 1, 1938, have been made to this office:

BIRTHS**1937**

March 18, to the wife of Truman Guiggey, a son.

April 8, to the wife of Ray Stickney, a daughter.

April 11, to the wife of Allen McPherson, a daughter.

April 21, to the wife of Ernest Beattie, a son.

April 24, to the wife of Delbert Crouse, a son.

May 2, to the wife of William Porter, a daughter.

June 6, to the wife of Perley Sloat, a daughter.

June 12, to the wife of Basil Kinney, a daughter.

June 17, to the wife of Benjamin Hardgrove, a son.

June 25, to the wife of Percy Tompkins, a daughter.

July 25, to the wife of Afton Cronkhite, a daughter.

August 25, to the wife of Percy Miller, a son.

August 29, to the wife of Verne Collins, a son.

September 28, to the wife of Raymond Beals, a son.

October 14, to the wife of Harold Holmes, a son.

October 18, to the wife of William Fuller, a son.

November 26, to the wife of Cecil Kilcollins, a son.

Dec. 1, to the wife of Chas. Savage, a daughter.

Dec. 24, to the wife of Frank Noddin, a daughter.

Dec. 29, to the wife of Frederick Ricker, a daughter.

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January 8, to the wife of Edward Phillips, a son.

January 21, to the wife of Irving Ingerson, a daughter.

Jan. 23, to the wife of Frank Shields, a daughter.

January 26, to the wife of Harry Scovil, a son.

February 18, to the wife of Myron Beals, a son.

DEATHS**1937**

April 8. Baby Stickney; still-born.

April 18. Robert A. Caldwell, age 86 yrs. 4 mos. 2 days; cause of death, arteriosclerosis with valvular disease.

May 29. Sylvanus B. Hussey, age 80 yrs. 7 mos. 20 days; cause of death, arteriosclerosis heart disease with failure and pulmonary edima.

July 6. Fred Tompkins, age 79 yrs. 10 mos. 26 days; cause of death, chronic myocarditis and myocardial degeneration.

Aug. 16. John Joslyn, cause of death, heart failure.

Aug. 25. Baby Miller; still-born.

Sept. 15. Esther M. Brewer, age 10 mos. 23 days; cause of death, rickets.

Sept. 26. Lydia Ann Hawksley, age 80 yrs. 6 mos. 8 days; cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Oct. 20. Margaret A. Currie, age 88 yrs. 7 mos. 12 days; cause of death, labor pneumonia.

Oct. 22. Mona E. Terrill, age 1 yr. 3 mos.; cause of death, diarrhea and euteritis.

Nov. 4. Francis I. Rideout, age 78 yrs. 8 mos. 28 days; cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Nov. 27. Bertha C. Case, age 71 yrs. 4 mos. 15 days; cause of death, influenza with pneumonia.

Nov. 28. John Cole, age 44 yrs. 7 mos. 13 days; cause of death, coronary arteriosclerosis.

Dec. 8. Vance Lyons, age 31 yrs. 29 days; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dec. 26. Cecil V. Kilcollins, age 1 month; cause of death, labor pneumonia.

Dec. 29. Alice B. Francis, age 74 yrs. 7 mos.; cause of death, arteriosclerosis, heart disease.

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Jan. 4. Ida McPherson, age 65 yrs. 7 mos. 21 days; cause of death, broncho pneumonia.

Jan. 16. Willard W. Packard, age 88 yrs. 6 mos. 28 days; cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Jan. 26. Evelyn S. Rideout, age 55 yrs. 1 mo. 23 das. cause of death, carcinoma of the throat.

Jan. 27. Cordelia Tapley, age 79 yrs. 11 mos. 12 days; cause of death, gangrene, arterio sclerotic.

Feb. 10. Spurgeon J. Brown, age 78 yrs. 9 mos. 24 days; cause of death, broncho pneumonia.

Feb. 24. Helen Beals, age 27 yrs. 2 mos. 22 days; cause of death, acute ditation of stomach.

MARRIAGES

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Mar. 6. Claude M. McKay of Easton and Etta Brown of Blaine.

Mar. 6. Clair S. Corey of Mars Hill and Florence Munson of Blaine.

May 16. Thomas McPherson and Christine Bradstreet, both of Blaine.

June 3. Edward Cousins and Beatrice Thompson, both of Blaine.

June 11. Cecil Kilcollins of Mars Hill and Francis Stickney of Blaine.

June 19. Frank Broad of Mars Hill and Fern Terrill of Blaine.

June 23. Deane Smith of Mars Hill and Clara Barrey of Blaine.

June 26. Cleveland Beals and Mina Fern Noble, both of Blaine.

July 10. Walter Beckwith of Mapleton and Elizabeth Charlton of Blaine.

July 24. Ralph Young of Hancock, Me. and Pauline Weeks of Blaine.

Sept. 1. Charles W. Fogg of Blaine and Henrietta Stackhouse of Dover-Foxcroft.

Sept. 26. James R. Greene of Mars Hill and Helen L. Tapley of Blaine.

Oct. 7. Ralph Broad of Mars Hill and Grace Bubar of Blaine.

Oct. 8. Arnold Meagher of Mars Hill and Laura Holmes of Blaine.

Oct. 14. Wilbur Brown and Kate Perkins, both of Blaine.

Oct. 29. James Hargrove of Blaine and Adrienne Daigle of Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Nov. 4. Everett Noble of Blaine and Alta Welch of Houlton, Maine.

Nov. 13. Clarence Keegan of Blaine and Madeline Bonia of North Revere, Mass.

Dec. 9. Edward S. Phillips of Caribou and Regis Blanchard of Blaine

Dec. 20. Harry Scovil of Blaine and Goldie Randall of Brewer, Maine.

Dec. 22. Aubrey Hawksley of Mars Hill and Helen Estabrook of Blaine.

Dec. 23. Raymond Brooks of Blaine and Alice Patterson of Mars Hill.

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Feb. 19. Clarence Giberson and Nedra Brown, both of Blaine.

Feb. 23. James Tompkins and Maida Kinney, both of Blaine.

Whole number of births reported 26; deaths 22; and marriages 24.

The above report compares with the municipal year 1937 as follows: births 4 more; deaths 10 more; marriages 18 more.

SCHEDULE

Showing Summary of Appropriation and Operating Accounts, Town of Blaine, Me. for year ending Feb. 21, 1938

	Appropriated	Other Sources	Total Available	Expended	Balance Unexpended	Overdrawn
Town Poor	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,056.53	\$ 443.47	
Incidental	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,661.53		\$ 161.53
Officers' Salaries				740.00		
Town Road	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,906.02		656.02
3rd. Class Road		\$ 816.64	816.64	931.43		114.79
State Aid Road	1,066.00	1,066.00	2,132.00	602.46	1,529.54	
State Aid Road Maintenance	350.00		350.00		350.00	
Third Class Maintenance	281.07		281.07	20.70	260.37	
Special Resolve		400.00	400.00	372.10	27.90	
Approved Town Road		241.26	241.26	269.07		27.81
State Aid and Third Class Culverts						
American Legion	50.00		50.00	156.20	50.00	
Interest	1,500.00		1,500.00	730.57	769.43	
Prevention of T. B.	25.00		25.00		25.00	
Wood				466.14	Applied on Pauper Account	
Street Lights	500.00		500.00	263.30	236.70	
Excise Tax		1,143.48				
Mars Hill Fire Department	400.00		400.00		400.00	
Hydrant Rental	65.00		65.00	28.00	37.00	
Commission & Abatements	2,000.00		2,000.00	3,080.46		1,080.46
Paid on Town Notes				50.00		

WARRANT

State of Maine

Aroostook ss

To I. A. Boobar, one of the constables of the town of
Blaine in the county of Aroostook Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Blaine qualified to vote on town affairs, to assemble at the town hall in said town of Blaine on Monday, the 21st, of March A. D. 1938 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will elect one or more road commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for mother's aid and dependent children.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways, bridges and sidewalks for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school house repairs.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to buy school books.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to purchase school supplies for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debts and town orders.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay commission and abatements.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise \$18.00, one year's interest on school fund.

Art. 16. To see what some of money the town will vote to raise to pay tuition of high school scholars.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay for lighting the streets in Blaine and Robinson villages.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay salary of superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay incidental and town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229 Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State and State Aid Highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provision of Sections, 17, 26 and 28 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 22. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$306.00 for the maintenance of improved sections of third class road or to be used in connection with the third class apportionment made by state for the improvement of third class road.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$65.00 to pay Mars Hill and Blaine Water Co. for the use of hydrant for the ensuing year.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay Mars Hill Fire Department for protection against fire.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day, the same to be expended by William Cousins Post of the American Legion.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote that all poll taxes shall be due and payable the 1st of May next for the ensuing year.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax titles held by the town on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be expended by the Aroostook Anti-Tuberculosis Association for the suppression and control of tuberculosis.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to add interest at the rate of 6% to all unpaid taxes after November 1st, 1938.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to make all road orders nontransferable.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote that all road orders shall be turned over to the tax collector before being paid.

Art. 32. To choose two members of the board of trustees of Aroostook Central Institute for a term of three years.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to plow all improved town roads during the winter of 1938 and 1939.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the plowing of the roads referred to in article 33.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to buy snow fence.

Art. 36. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the town hall on Monday the 21st of March, 1938, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 10th day of March, 1938.

S. A. TAPLEY

A. C. BELL

L. C. COREY

Selectmen of Blaine

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